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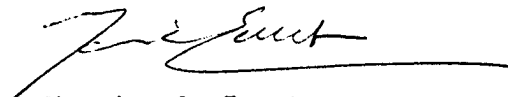
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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
FROM: Maurice C. Ernst, NIO/Economics
SUBJECT: East-West Economic Initiatives

1. Attached are some memos I have sent to Allen Wallis, Lionel Olmer, Norman Bailey, and Richard Perle to give my personal views on the state of play on our East-West economic initiatives and what we can reasonably expect may emerge from them. There is considerable concern in the NSC and elsewhere about the slow progress on the East-West initiatives. The State Department has been managing the entire process and things are getting bogged down at the lower bureaucratic levels. Allen Wallis has just returned from a trip to Europe and presumably will be reviewing the entire business. Since the initial meeting, the steering group, which is supposed to review progress, has not met. I understand that Judge Clark was to see Secretary Shultz today to express his concern about where things are going.

2. Specifically, I believe that we should focus our efforts more strongly on achievable goals--in particular, improving COCOM controls--and avoid chasing unattainable goals, such as broad controls over oil and gas equipment. Also, we should insist on procedures for production of the NATO Study which give a reasonable chance of success.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: W. Allen Wallis, State
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Attached are some personal thoughts on how our East-West economic initiatives are doing, and what we can reasonably expect will emerge from them. I have also attached: (1) some tentative conclusions that might come out of the NATO Study; and (2) a copy of a memo I sent to Tom Niles and others expressing my concern as to what I believe is the inadequacy of the agreed procedures for producing the NATO economic paper. There is some opposition within the State Department to pushing my suggestion, but I feel strongly about the matter.


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